GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PERFORMANCE OF POLLUTION CONTROL BOARDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received recently the performance of State and Central Pollution Control Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof as per standard norms of assessment State-wise and also for the Central Pollution Control Board;

(c) the details of the cases of violation of pollution and environmental provisions of law registered during each of the last three years, State-wise and cases disposed of out of them; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen and upgrade the State Pollution Control Boards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) : No Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) : Regarding strengthening of SPCBs,the Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken up the matter with the State Governments. The steps taken/initiated for strengthening of SPCBs include the following :-

1. Increasing cess rates for augmenting the resources of the State Boards.

2. Strengthening of State Boards in terms of laboratory facilities.

3. Providing training to the officials on different aspects relating to prevention and control of Pollution.

4. Strengthening of State Boards under various bilateral programmes.

5. Financial assistance on specific programmes for abatement of pollution. 6. The State Pollution Control Boards viz. Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka are being strengthened under World Bank aided project.